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Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [30

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Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [84

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Hongkong, 12th March 1897. [443



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Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [66

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE Government Notification with reference to the HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS GUN PRACTICE, advertised in the *Hongkong Telegraph* of the 12th, 13th and 15th instant, to take place on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, is hereby CANCELLED.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [472

ST. GEORGE'S BALL 1897.

A MEETING of SUBSCRIBERS to ST. GEORGE'S BALL 1897, will be held in the CITY HALL on TUESDAY, the 23rd March, at 5 P.M., to receive and pass the Accounts and to determine what shall be done with the Balance.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [471

THEATRE ROYAL,

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1897. [473

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [474

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [379a

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896 6

DEATH.

At Malacca, on the 26th ultimo, at St. John's Lodge, LOUIS EDWARD NEUBRONNER, second son of the late Louis Neubronner, Esq., of St. John's Lodge, Malacca; aged 45.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1897.

THE OPENING OF THE WEST RIVER.

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR SIR CLAUDE MACDONALD.

We received this afternoon a note from Mr. R. CHATTERTON WILCOX, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, enclosing a copy of a despatch from Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD, Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Peking, to His Excellency the Governor informing the latter that an Agreement providing for the opening of the West River to foreign trade and residence has been duly signed, sealed, and delivered in Peking. Sir CLAUDE's despatch sets forth that Wuchow-fu and Samshui and Kongkun market are, under the Agreement, to be Treaty Ports and Consular Stations, with freedom of navigation for steamers between Wuchow and Hongkong and Canton. Several "ports of call" are also provided for and are duly enumerated in the Minister's despatch, which reads as follows:—

Peking, 19th February, 1897.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that an agreement was signed here on the 4th instant on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, by which the Chinese Government engage to open the following places, namely, Wuchow-fu in Kwangsi, and Shamshui city and Kongkun market as Treaty Ports and Consular Stations, with freedom of navigation for steamers between Shamshui and Wuchow and Hongkong and Canton by a route from each of these latter places, to be selected and notified in advance by the Imperial Maritime Customs, and also that the following four places shall be established as ports of call for goods and passengers, namely, Kongmoon, Komchuk, Shuihing, and Takhing; the agreement to come into force within four months of signature.

The necessary instructions have already been issued by the Tsungli Yamên to the Inspector-General of the Imperial Maritime Customs, and also to the local authorities of Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant,
CLAUDE M. MACDONALD.

His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., &c., &c., &c., Hongkong.

It will be seen from the above that the announcement made in this journal on Christmas Day in the form of a special telegram was true in substance, although it would appear that the document reported to have been signed in Peking on the 22nd December last was only the draft of an Agreement which was forwarded to the Imperial authorities in London for approval.

Again we congratulate the Chamber of Commerce on the success which has attended its unceasing efforts to get this great waterway opened, and we can only trust that the benefit resulting therefrom to Hongkong will be commensurate with the energy, tact, and skill exhibited by Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD in bringing his negotiations with the "Sleepy Dragon" to a successful issue so soon after his assumption of office in the Chinese capital. Bravo, Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD!

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE CRETAN DIFFICULTY.

LONDON, March 15th.

The Chamber approved of the policy of the Government by 356 to 143 votes, after M. Hanotaux had explained that the Government had decided to blockade the Cretan and, if necessary, the Greek ports in order to compel the Greeks to withdraw from Crete. M. Hanotaux added that each Power will send 600 men to reinforce the contingents now in Crete.

THE UNITED STATES.

President McKinley in his speech at the opening of the extra Session briefly urged a revision of the tariff.

(From *Rangoon Times*.)

THE TSAR AND THE INDIAN FAMINE.

LONDON, February 28th.

By order of the Tsar a special performance was given at the Opera House at St. Petersburg to-night in aid of the Indian Famine Fund.

(From *Bangkok Observer*.)

THE CRETAN DIFFICULTY.

LONDON, March 4th.

M. Smolenitz, the Greek Minister for War, has resigned, owing to the rejection by the Government of his advice to send reinforcements to Crete.

LONDON, March 5th.

The situation on the Thessalian frontier is critical. Two Greek warships have left the Piræus with sealed orders.

A number of Italian volunteers for Crete have arrived in Athens.

THE CHINESE TARIFF.

FRANCE OPPOSES AN INCREASE.

We have been informed by a private wire, from Peking, that on Wednesday last M. A. Gérard, the French Minister at Peking, informed the Tsungli Yamen in no uncertain language that the contemplated imposition of 10 per cent. duty on cotton goods would be most strongly resisted by France, for the reason that it might establish a precedent for placing a duty on French manufactures. He also said that France was averse to any change in the Tariff as it at present stands.—*Mercury*.

ANOTHER JAPANESE STEAMSHIP PROJECT.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha has under consideration a scheme to open a steamship service between Formosa and South China ports. According to an Osaka paper, Mr. Matsumoto, who recently returned from a visit to the proposed ports of call, proceeded to Tokio and submitted a report to the Minister for Communications, at the same time applying for a Government subsidy towards the service. The reply of the Minister is to be given after hearing the opinion of Mr. Mizuno, the Director of the Formosa Administrative Bureau, who is shortly expected in Tokio—*Chronicle*.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Canadian mails in future will close at 10.45 a.m., instead of 11 a.m.

THE Niger Company's forces captured Florin on the 16th ultimo without losing one European.

H.M.S. *Archer* arrived to-day from Amoy. She will proceed to Manila in a day or two to relieve the *Swift*.

THE Rev. E. F. Harrison-Smith has been appointed Chaplain to the *Centurion*, to date February 9th.

THE French Government have prohibited the landing in France of passengers from infected ports in India.

THE new Treaty between Turkey and Japan will be based on the lines of other treaties recently concluded with Japan.

CAPT. YUI, of the Japanese Army, has been attached to the 3rd Infantry Brigade at Aldershot for six months.

THE 23rd and 24th June have been proclaimed public holidays in the Straits Settlements in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

FROM exchanges we learn that the first sealing schooner to leave Yokohama this season is the *Pointer*, which flies the American flag.

A CALCUTTA telegram, dated 1st inst., says that rinderpest has broken out there, and that its spread is being met by vigorous measures.

THE *Japan Mail* states that the Town Council have decided to tax the telephone and electric light posts in Yokohama at a rate of 20 *sen* per post.

OWING to the mildness of the past winter it is feared that the supply of ice collected in and around Yokohama will be exhausted before August.

AMONG the passengers booked to leave London by the P. & O. mail steamer on the 12th instant was Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Police Magistrate, Hongkong.

A TIENTSIN telegram published in the Shanghai papers states that the *Kaigan* is ashore in a dangerous position in the river. She is from Foochow and has a cargo of poles.

THE shareholders of the Punjom Mining Co., at a private meeting yesterday, passed an informal resolution authorising an addition to the capital of the Company by the issue of new shares.

WE note that the German Government intends to send a commission of experts to Bombay to study the bubonic plague. It is reported that Dr. Koch will act as head of the commission.

THE United States gunboat *Machias*, presumably after having peacefully settled the Kellet case, arrived here this morning from Bangkok via Saigon. The usual exchange of salutes took place.

MR. Justice Wise and Mrs. Wise leave London on the 20th inst. by the P. & O. steamer *Sunda*.

THE *Echo* reports that Sir Claude MacDonald will visit Foochow (and Hongkong?) at an early date.

CORBETT and Fitzsimmons were to fight in Texas to-day for a purse of $10,000 and the championship of the world.

ANOTHER dividend of 10 per cent. has been declared by the official liquidator of the exploded Siam-Japan Trading Corporation.

THE German and Belgian representatives had farewell audiences of the Emperor and Empress of Japan on the 3rd inst.

AN English sailor has been committed for trial by H.B.M. Assistant Judge at Yokohama on a charge of biting off another sailor's ear. Curious taste!

THE commander and officers of the Russian flagship *Admiral Nakhimoff* were entertained at dinner by the Commander of the Yokosuka Port Admiralty on the 2nd instant.

FROM a Yokohama contemporary we learn that Japanese War Loan bonds for yen 300,000 were offered for subscription on the 26th ultimo by order of the Minister of Finance.

IT seems that the two European survivors of the Benin massacre escaped through their good fortune in picking up a compass, with which they steered their way through the bush.

ACCORDING to a telegram from Japan, dated 12th inst., to the *N. C. Daily News*, the Gold Standard Bill has passed the Lower House of the Diet, and will undoubtedly pass the Upper House.

MESSRS. Leslie, Unwin, and Noyes Morehouse (Pakhoi), of the Customs Service, have been promoted to Commissionerships, and Mr. Paul H. King has been appointed Deputy-Commissioner.

THE *Japan Mail* states that owing to the finances of the foreign municipality of Kobe being in a very straightened condition, the municipal body has decided to sell their property at No. 38, Concession.

INSTEAD of the Commandant's Parade, which was previously ordered for Saturday next, the 20th inst., the Volunteers will take part in a march out of the troops of the Garrison on that day. Assembly at 3 p.m. sharp.

IT is reported that Don Hilarion Gonzalez del Castillo has been appointed Spanish Consul at Nagasaki; Don Ernesto Freyre has been appointed Consul at Osaka and Kobe; and Don Enrique Ortiz y Pinto Formosa.

ON the 28th ultimo, in Yokohama some drunken soldiers attacked a carriage in which was the daughter of M. Speyer, the Russian *Charge d'Affaires*. The soldiers, we are pleased to hear, are to be court-martialled.

THE amount subscribed to the Indian Famine Fund by the communities of Yokohama and Tokio, on the 6th instant totalled $12,247, half of which has been collected by the Bank of Japan from Japanese subscribers.

THERE is now, the *People* informs us, a bar at the entrance of the smoking-room in the House of Commons, with a barmaid duly presiding. The *Saturday Review* asks if this does not make the House look more than ever like a railway station.

A SPECIAL Session of the Justices of the Peace was held at the Magistracy this afternoon to consider the application from A. Bejanjee for the transfer of the license of the Peak Hotel to Rustonjee Cowasjee Banjee. No objection was made and the application was granted.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

1.—Overture Di Ballo Sullivan
2.—Jig St. Patrick's Day Julius Benedict
3.—Fantasia Erin Basquit
4.—Valse Kate Kearney Coote
5.—Duet Excelsior Balfe
6.—Reminiscences of Bellini F. Godfrey

UPON enquiry at the Sanitary Board's office to-day we were informed that there have been 18 cases of small-pox reported during the past week, 15 of the patients being Chinese, and the remaining three Europeans, two coming from H.M.S. *Hart* and *Centurion* respectively. Two cases of typhoid were notified yesterday, and the form of this disease is stated to be of mild character.

THE Bill introduced by Mr. J. Samuel, member for Stockton-on-Tees, dealing with the supervision of boilers and engines connected with mines and requiring that all persons in charge of such boilers and engines should hold certificates of competency, was read a second time in the House of Commons on the 17th ultimo. The Government opposed the bill on the ground that its provisions would weaken the present liability of employers.

HUDSON'S Surprise Party open in the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on Saturday night next, and, as will be seen in our advertising columns, the company is a remarkably strong and talented one. Mrs. May Habgood will play on Saturday a Grand Paraphrase on Scotch Airs ("Abergeldie"). This clever lady's grand recital for the Indian Famine Fund at Calcutta was a huge success, and she handed over something like Rs. 780 to the fund.

A JAPANESE vernacular paper doubts whether the text of the Russo-Japanese Convention, as lately published by the Foreign Office, is complete. The ground of its doubt is the absence of any provision about the drilling of Korean soldiers. That is a matter involving grave issues, and it is exceedingly improbable that any Japanese envoy accredited to conclude a convention of the kind would have overlooked such a point; above all, an envoy like Marshal Yamagata.

THE newly appointed Russian Minister to Japan, Baron Rosen, is, according to the *Japan Mail*, expected to arrive about the end of May next. M. Speyer, now in charge of the Russian Legation, will proceed to Seoul, Korea, and M. Waeber will be appointed to Mexico.

THE Education Bill recently introduced by the Government in the House of Commons, which provides principally for an increased grant to the voluntary (or denominational) schools, involving a cost to the Treasury of £615,500 per annum, has been read a second time in the House of Commons after considerable debate. The second reading was carried, on division, by 355 votes to 150.

BY the M. M. steamer *Salazie* the French officers who are to assume the direction of the arsenal at Foochow arrived yesterday. They are M. Doyere, marine engineer, sub-director of the School of Marine Engineers; M. Berthet, sub-engineer; M. David, engineer of the *Société des forges d'Alais*; M. Le Gall, master of the 3rd class; and M. Bellee, superintendent of hydraulic works.

IN the House of Commons on 25th ultimo Mr. Curzon, replying to a question, said that the British mission goes to Abyssinia to assure King Menelik of our friendly intentions, and to endeavour to promote amicable political and commercial relations, and to settle certain questions which have arisen between the British authorities in the Somali Protectorate and His Majesty's governor of Harrar.

HOME papers to hand by the French mail contain accounts of disastrous floods on the upper reaches of the Thames, in which neighbourhood thousands of acres were, at the date of last advices, entirely submerged. Much property had been destroyed and on all hands fear was expressed that the river might rise still higher and complete the work of destruction already commenced with such dire results.

A MEETING of gentlemen was held to-day at the Hon. T. H. Whitehead's office, at noon, for the purpose of arranging for the holding of gymkhanas during the summer months. A committee of 15 and other officers were elected, and it was decided to hold the first meeting on Saturday, April 10th, to be followed at intervals by five others. It is very satisfactory to learn that there is a credit balance in hand from last season.

AMONG the passengers who left Hongkong to-day by the C. P. R. steamer *Empress of Japan* was Mr. T. W. Quincey, eldest son of Inspector Quincey. He is going to Peking, where he will be attached to the Legation and pursue his studies in the Mandarin dialect. Mr. Quincey was lately employed in the Registrar-General's Office, and a large party of European and Chinese friends assembled on the steamer to bid him good-bye.

THE naval authorities, we understand, expect the cruisers *Endymion* and *Minerva* to arrive here, with relief crews for the vessels recommissioning for the China Station, about the 28th instant. They will probably remain about ten days, and, having taken the crews of the ships for which they [illegible] will return to England. The *Iphigenia*, which left England before the *Endymion* and *Minerva*, should arrive here at an early date.

AMONG the passengers from Sydney arriving here yesterday by the *Yamashiro Maru* was Mr. J. R. Ford, who is on his way to Japan to promote the trade in wool, hides, tallow, preserved meats, wheat, flour, and other Australian produce with the Far East, and a cold storage enterprise will also engage his attention. An international exhibition is to be held in Sydney during the current year and Mr. Ford will give advice and assistance to intending Eastern exhibitors.

THE latest plague news from India is to the effect that at Bombay on the 25th ult. there were 134 deaths. The weekly return, however, showed a decrease of 67. At Karrachee the deaths number from 20 to 31 daily. Dr. Lowson and Dr. Reade have been appointed to Bombay and Dr. Borradaile and Dr. Beveridge go to Poona and Karrachee respectively. It must be remembered in basing calculations on these figures that a great exodus from Bombay has been going on for months past.

THE Duke of Devonshire has disavowed the criticisms that have been published upon his speech delivered at the Guildhall, under the auspices of the British Empire League, on the 3rd December last, in which he described the general principles relating to colonial defence. He states that the assertion that the Admiralty held itself responsible for the protection of all British territory against any organised invasion, leaving to the colonies the task of repelling any attacks that might be made by hostile cruisers or small squadrons of battleships, contained no new principle.

THE agitation to re-impose in some form the *Contagious Diseases Act* is gaining strength in the Lords, and an influential Committee has been formed to press the matter. Lord Roberts, in an interview on 26th ultimo with Reuter's representative, said that he was very glad to have occasion to express his views on the subject. His Lordship said it was a great pity that India was interfered with by the House of Commons in this matter, as it was absolutely necessary to preserve the health of the European soldiers in India. The Government of India, he said, should have power to deal with venereal disease and treat it as any other loathsome disease of man or woman. He believed that these suffering should be examined, and, if diseased, required to go to hospital or quit the cantonment, and he sincerely hoped the question would be pressed on the Government, and the present system stopped. Sir Henry Cunningham, who was also interviewed by Reuter, said the statistics for the last three years justify the foreboding that the repeal of the cantonment rule would *produce deplorable results*, and he trusted that with a strong public feeling we should be able to restore the policy of supervision and control.

THE Governor has appointed the following gentlemen a committee to arrange for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee in Hongkong:—Hons. E. R. Belilios, J. J. Bell-Irving, C. P. Chater, F. A. Cooper, Messrs. A. Coxon, D. R. Crawford, N. J. Ede, J. J. Francis, Q.C., D. Gillies, R. M. Gray, Ho Amei, Ho Tung, T. Jackson, Mr. Li Sing, Hons. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, F. H. May, C.M.G., Messrs. A. P. McEwen, H. M. Mehta, H. N. Mody, R. M. Moses, J. Raymond, H. A. Ritchie, Herbert Smith, J. Thurburn, Hons. Wei Yuk, and T. H. Whitehead.

HO LIU CHOW, a tea merchant, appeared at the Magistracy this morning on the charge of having arms in his possession. It appears that yesterday morning on the arrival of the steamship *Hungshan* from Macao constables were searching for opium and accidentally came across a revolver hidden among the defendant's clothes. Mr. Mounsey, who appeared for the defence said that the defendant is a tea merchant living in Macao. Every year he passed through Hongkong collecting orders *en route* for Foochow, where he goes to the Mo Hi Shan, a tea district. He had about $3,000 with him and carried a revolver for protection. Capt. Hastings inflicted the usual fine of $100 with the alternative of 3 months' hard labour.

MAJOR LOTHAIRE has turned up in Bangkok from the wilds of "Darkest Africa" and been interviewed by a reporter of the *Siam Observer* to whom he appears to have admitted that he has been "taking stock" of Siam. Of the Siamese and their treatment of him he is alleged to have spoken very highly, and he also spoke warmly of the abuse of the registration system as a point likely to foster the "Asia for the Asiatics" feeling that Japan has displayed in consequence of the abuse of their advantages by some of the Treaty Powers in the past. He thinks that, so far from Europe helping Siam to advance, she is holding her back. Greater elasticity and mutual goodwill, he thinks, would tend to the advantage of both sides.—He was absolutely silent on the subject of the French occupation of Chantaboon!

BOWEN ROAD is a popular promenade in the spring and summer months with the upper and middle classes of residents. It is one of the best, if not *the* best, walks in the Colony and that is why we would be glad to see the Government setting about rendering it much safer than it is at present. A few hundred yards of railings fixed here and there along the harbour side of the road, especially near the bends and the steep precipices, would make it quite safe, and if to this were added orders to the natives, who go there in search for firewood, to refrain from wandering about the hill-side above the road on Sundays, when a large number of ladies and gentlemen and children are wont to go here for a little fresh air and exercise, all danger of large rocks being rolled down on top of pedestrians could be avoided. Everything that can be done to make the few decent walks in the Colony as safe as they are picturesque and agreeable should be done with as little delay as possible. We can't all live at the Peak, much as most of us would like to be numbered amongst the happy dwellers in Cloudland during the sweltering summer months.

*** IT may seem incredible, yet it is nevertheless a fact, that although Mr. Osborne's popular hotel, extensive engineering establishments, and a huge kerosine oil depôt (a very promising German enterprise) are to be found on Shaukiwan Road, and the enormous Taikoo Sugar Refinery is at the north-eastern extremity of the road, yet the whole length of the wide road from Mr. Kennedy's dairy and stables at Causeway Bay up to Bay View Hotel and the German oil depôt is left in darkness every night, not one lamp of any kind—oil, gas, or electric—being supplied to the district by the powers that be. The traffic on Shaukiwan Road is extensive and growing rapidly, and the mere fact of the majority of those who have reason to use it being Chinese is no justification for the failure of the authorities to light it properly and keep it in thorough repair, for the Chinese as a class are the largest contributors to our revenue, and the scores of foreigners who use the road for walking, cycling, and driving purposes are entitled to a certain amount of consideration, while the owners of the oil depôt, the proprietor of Bay View, and the foreigners living at [illegible] Bay should certainly be able to pass along the road at all hours of the day or night without danger of breaking their necks or being "stuck up" by armed robbers.

ABSURD as it may appear, in the eyes of many, to ask such a question as that of whether we really intend to secure, beyond all reasonable doubt, the maintenance of the British command of the sea, whenever the same may be challenged by the stern arbitrament of war, it seems to us that it would be well if more of our countrymen were, instead of giving an off-hand answer, to carefully consider the subject, and try and realise something of what sea-power means to this country. With no uncertain voice then would the nation declare that, cost what it may, our navy must be further strengthened, both as regards ships and men, so as to make it humanly impossible for any probable combination of enemies to wrest from us that command of the sea upon which the very existence of our glorious Empire depends. Once public opinion becomes thoroughly sound on this point, there will be no danger of our naval estimates being framed to suit the exigencies of a popular budget. Such estimates will be based, solely and entirely, on the well-grounded and careful calculations of naval experts, having regard to the risks of danger and to the resources of the country. We cannot possibly shut our eyes to the fact that France intends to spend ten millions sterling in additions to her ordinary naval estimates. Mr. Arnold Forster remarks, "If France seeks to be mistress of the sea, England must seek to prevent her." Such is most certainly the case, for, while France might still very well remain a great nation even after the total defeat of her navy, England's Empire would crumble were she once to lose her sea-power.—*United Service Gazette*.

JUDGE MOWAT having arrived at Shanghai to recruit his health, Mr. H. S. Wilkinson, Crown Advocate, left for Nagasaki on the 6th instant to conduct a commission there *de lunatico inquirendo* into the case of Mr. A. Norman, proprietor of the *Rising Sun* newspaper.

HIS Excellency Sir Chi Chen (Lo Feng Lah), Minister to Great Britain, embarked at 11 a.m. to-day on the M. M. steamer *Oceanien*, which left for Europe at noon. As H.E.'s launch, flying the Chinese ensign, passed H. M. S. *Alacrity* a salute was fired, and when he boarded the *Oceanien* the "dragon flag" was hoisted at the mail steamer's main truck. A large gathering came off to the ship to wish His Excellency *bon voyage*.

A WEALTHY company has been formed to run motor cars in the streets of Sydney, N.S.W. The vehicles used will be the New Pennington autocar, a tricycle constructed to carry four persons, and is fitted with Pennington non-puncturable pneumatic tyres. They weigh, complete, less than 2½ cwt., and are speeded up to 30 miles an hour. They have no vibration, no fire, no smoke, and no odour, as the oil in the engine is heated and ignited by electricity.

THE authorized announcement that Liliuokalani, ex-Queen of the Hawaiian Islands, has formally repudiated her alleged letter of abdication dated January 24, 1895, and claims to be still Queen, caused something of a stir in Washington political circles, says the *New York Sun*. It is known to have caused profound agitation at the White House. Mr. Palmer, her secretary, says that the repudiation of the letter of abdication is nothing new; that it is only a formal announcement of what has all along been claimed by the ex-Queen and her Royalist supporters. At the Hawaiian Legation much interest is manifested in Liliuokalani's pronunciamento, but little importance is attached to it, for the reason that the Dole administration has never regarded the letter of abdication as having any force. The general opinion in Washington is, however, that the Queen's purpose in placing on record at this time her repudiation of the alleged letter of abdication is to give her a proper legal standing in a claim for the reopening of her case through the good offices of the Government.

THE latest "fasting crank" is Robert Gardiner, a young man who came to Los Angelos (Cal.) three months ago from Chicago. He was found in a perfectly healthy condition at the Hotel Vogel, city, undergoing an absolute fast. He had completed his thirty-seventh day, and would not state how much longer he would prolong the test. He refused to say what is the exact purpose of his experiment, but it appears to be some part of his faith. Before his entering upon the period of his fast, which began January 6th, Gardiner was known among his few acquaintances at the hotel as a rigid vegetarian. It was fully a week after he began fasting before anybody knew anything of his doings. He seemed bright and chatted freely about his physical condition, refusing always to state what was his motive. When the ordeal began he weighed 127 pounds, and had fallen off 32 pounds. He sleeps about twelve hours every day and drinks nothing but warm and cold water. Although somewhat emaciated, he walks about freely and spends [illegible] sitting in a chair or lying on a lounge. Although a member of no church, he studies the Bible for hours. And the verdict was: A weak mind, an awful crank, preparing fast, to go aloft!

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Hongkong Telegraph	$25
H. Fazerlally & Co.	10

A HOME paper is responsible for the statement that the organist at a Cardiff church found several of the notes soundless. An examination revealed the fact that no fewer than six birds, including a robin, had built their nests in the pipes.

THE London *People* says that the Viceroy of India has intimated to Mr. F. E. Pirkis that the Government will afford facilities for the placing of Buisson baths for the treatment of hydrophobia in Indian Government hospitals and dispensaries.

THE *Kanagawa-maru*, the new N. Y. K. steamer which arrived at Kobe on the 6th instant, brought five cases of gold bars from England consigned to the Shokin Ginko. The contents of each case is worth about 60,000 yen. This gold is part of the 20,000,000 yen of the war indemnity which is to be brought to Japan.—*Chronicle*.

HOTEL MANAGER—I see you have given our best suite of rooms to a man named Wiggins. Are you sure he can pay the price?

HOTEL CLERK—Yes, sir; he is immensely wealthy.

HOTEL MANAGER—How do you know?

HOTEL CLERK—Oh, he is very old and very ugly, and his wife is very young and very pretty.

CAPTAIN MEARS, of the steamer *Amur*, which arrived at Sydney on the 23rd ultimo from Vila, in the New Hebrides, brought news of the murder of a white trader in the group. When at Vila the *Amur* was met by the later-insular steamer *Ysabel*, whose captain reported that the natives at Aoba had murdered a white trader named Duncan, and, after a lapse of three days the body was eaten by a tribe of cannibals. It is believed that Duncan was well known in Sydney. It appears that Duncan had only been down in the group about five months trading, and whether he had done anything to offend the natives is not known, but it is known that the natives secured him and tied him up for three days to fatten before they killed him. Duncan was a young man and considered a very shrewd Scotchman.

THE *Nichi Nichi* states that the Department of Communications has decided to recommend the grant of a special subsidy to the Yusen Kaisha European and Trans-Pacific lines. It has not been disclosed, adds the Tokio paper, what is the sum of the proposed subsidy, but the amount applied for by the company is said to be 2,628,048 yen for the European line and 791,288 yen for the Trans-Pacific. The Government is convinced of the necessity for granting the subsidy, but, being unable to bring forward additional estimates, the only course for the Government, if it decides to accede to the proposal, will be to raise an internal loan. As it is proposed that the contract between the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Government shall be for a term of ten years, the money required for the subsidy exceeds $4,000,000 yen.

POWERS THAT ARE POWERLESS.

It is sorry news for Christianity and civilisation—aye, for humanity. "The Powers!" What a mockery the phrase is! Powers that are powerless! Each and all shuddering at the thought of war! Each and all afraid of stamping out the sparks that may set the world ablaze! The Cretans are all of them liars—there is Scripture for that—they may also be "slow-bellies," whatever that may mean; but assuredly they are fiendish in their hates and monstrous in their acts. "All the Mahomm dan villages round Sitia have been destroyed—the cordon of Christians is closing round the town." "The Prefect of Sitia reports that 300 Mahomedans have been killed in the neighbouring district." "The latest telegram from Sitia reports that the Christians are massacring the Mahommedan inhabitants of the neighbouring villages. Thirteen villages in the district are now reported to be burning." So far the Christian amenities as reported on February 11th. "The entire Mahommedan population to Malevisi, Temenos, Pyrgiotissa, and Monofa have entered Heraklion, attacking and wounding the Christians in the streets." No killing as yet! But to keep the pot boiling Prince George of Greece, the son of the Danish King of the Hellenes and of the most amiable Russian archduchess who is his consort, appeared on the scene with his flotilla of torpedo-boats—a fine young giant of the Viking type, who will assuredly not shirk any chance that comes to him of "noticing" torpedo-ways any affront or provocation from a Turkish man-of-war. And the squadrons of all the Great (?) Powers are bobbing up and down or dodging along the coast under easy steam in Cretan waters like rows of banisters with "watching briefs" in some great law suit. As a matter of course, the Christian view from all eminences takes in Abdul Hamid with a dark lantern laying trains to his secret mines all over the Sultanate and it is dreadfully amusing. It inspires "awful mirth" to read that the captains of the Greek men-of-war have been sounding the captains of the foreign squadrons to ascertain if they would object to the bombardment of Canea, and then a little anther on to come on the calm assurance in the same column that "there is substantial evidence to hand showing that the renewed crisis in Crete has been designedly provoked by Turkish influence and intrigue." Canon McColl could not beat that! Does any one believe that if Crete were surrendered with or without fighting to Greece that the appetite of the ogres who are hungering for the banquet which is to celebrate the accomplishment of "The Great Idea" will be satisfied? No! replies the *Army and Navy Gazette*. It will be sharpened all the more. Macedonia, Epirus, Thessaly—three magnificent courses—and Constantinople as the centrepiece. What does the *Græculus esuriens* care for the devastating and disastrous wars which his vanity and ambition will bring upon the world? If all the Powers are engaged in sanguinary conflict all over the earth it will be for "his glory," and be the end what it may in misery and destruction *impavidum ferient ruinæ*.

THE GERMAN ARMY.

A LIVELY DEBATE IN THE REICHSTAG.

MORE ABOUT A BRUZEWITZ AFFAIR.

BERLIN, February 12th.

The Reichstag discussed to-day the army estimates and heard Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, criticise militarism in Germany. In so doing he advocated the better feeding and housing of the soldiers, and said that the Social Democracy had no need of barracks-room agitation, but, in view of the possibility of war, the Government should beware of treating Socialist soldiers in a different manner from others.

The Minister of War, General von Gossler, replying, declared that the army promoted the peaceful development of the country. He added that the Social Democratic propaganda in the army would be punished and suppressed with the utmost vigour and concluded by remarking:—

"We say we are with God, for the King and Fatherland, and we will provide the religious education of our soldiers. The Social Democrats say they are without God and against the King and Fatherland. Social Democracy, however, has outlived itself a long time now." (Laughter from the Socialists and applause from the Right.)

Herr Bebel, socialist, supported Herr Vollmer. He stated that certain high circles in the army persecuted Social Democrats. Herr Bebel further declared that the socialists were now all doing duty as soldiers, and that if ever the call to arms came not many of them would fail to respond.

Referring to the ill-treatment of the socialists, Herr Bebel complained that the men could only seek redress in the civil courts after they left the army for acts of brutality. The rescript of Emperor William regarding the subject of duelling conflicted with the law, as exceptions were permitted. General von Gossler, the Minister for War, might say what he liked, but humanity was advancing, and monarchy was certainly not the highest point of development.

The socialists cheered Herr Bebel's remarks, which made quite a stir in the section of the Right.

General von Gossler replied that the socialists were revolutionists, and that Herr Bebel's conduct at Hamburg in calling a Captain an "ass" only excited contempt. He cited that statistics showed deaths from sickness in the army, due to manœuvres during hot weather, were steadily decreasing. Suicides and cases of ill-treatment were also on the decrease.

If cases of ill-treatment and duels still occurred, they must be regarded as being due to human nature. Concerning the matter of the rescript the Minister of War thought that "honour and all are best safeguarded in the hands of the Supreme War Lord." Loud and continued Conservative applause followed this statement.

Replying to questions concerning the case of the Lieutenant sentenced to imprisonment for killing a workman at Karlsruhe by running him through the back with a sword, the man's only offence being that he accidentally struck the Lieutenant's chair while entering a café, for which he apologised in vain, but was killed by the angry officer, who imagined his honour had been tarnished, General von Gossler said that the offending Lieutenant Bruzewitz had been cashiered and imprisoned.

The War Minister acknowledged that the homicide was intentional, but he claimed it was not committed with premeditation. The Lieutenant was drunk at the time, but it must be admitted by all, said General von Gossler, that there were extenuating circumstances, owing to the insolence of the victim.

Herr Warmer next spoke against the adoption of the system of the early pensioning of officers.

The Reichstag then adjourned.

THE CAREW CASE.

It having been stated that a petition is to be prepared praying for the release of Mrs. Carew on the ground of insanity in the family, the Press Association says the report is premature, as nothing can be done until a full report of the trial arrives from Japan. Mr. Tucker, a chemist, of Kingsbridge, Devonshire and formerly of Glastonbury, has wired to the legal advisers of Mrs. Carew's father, stating that he can give important evidence bearing on the case. He says that he sold arsenic to Mr. Carew at the time of his marriage, nine years ago. Mr. Tucker explains as his reason for not coming forward before, that he expected the case against Mrs. Carew would be easily refuted.

A correspondent who has made inquiries as to the alleged appeal to the Privy Council finds, correctly, that no such appeal can be heard unless it can be shown that in the trial there was some disregard of the forms of legal process or some violation of natural justice by which grave and substantial wrong has been done. This was laid down by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council many years ago, and was acted on in the case of Deeming, the Australian murderer, in 1892. Mrs. Carew will, in the first instance at any rate, be sent to Hongkong gaol, the question of a transfer to a convict establishment in this country being deferred for the present. Should she remain in Hongkong she will probably be released after a few years, on account of the ill effects of the climate and confinement on her health. Should she be sent home, her incarceration will be longer, but in either event the Foreign Office, and not the Home Office, will be responsible for her. Mrs. Carew's three children have been well provided for during her imprisonment pending the result of the trial, and have been residing in the family of her legal adviser, Mr. Lowder, to whom the late Mr. Carew owed his appointment as secretary to the United Club at Yokohama.—*L. and C. Express.*

SPORTING NOTES.

SHANGHAI SPRING MEETING.

The following interesting notes by "Daybreak" appear in *Sport and Gossip* of 7th instant:—

From the programme for the coming Spring Race Meeting, to take place on the 3, 4, & 5 May, it will be seen that no very important changes have been made in the conditions of the races. The Race Club Cup goes back to the old distance of 2 miles, from 7 furlongs, the Shanghai Handicap has been left out and its place filled by the Challenge Cup so generously presented by the Masonic Club, the value of which is Tls. 500, and the amount in prizes has here and there been reduced, a change that is necessary if the betting facilities are to be curtailed. There are to be ten races each day. It is well to get all the fun you can for your money, but ten events means hard work for the officials as well as for owners and jockeys.

Training during the week has taken place under very unsatisfactory circumstances as regards the weather. The going has been soft, but part of the grass course outside the bamboos should have been opened on Thursday or Friday and the attendance at the rails has not been very large. As regards the galloping, in the early part of the week there was a match between *Velasquez*, Mr. Ellis, 11.1, and *The Count*, Mr. Midwood, 11.2. From the time taken for the first part of the journey it became apparent that both jockeys had received the same instructions and were waiting upon each other. This method suited *The Count* better than it did *Velasquez* and the former won by a length, but *Velasquez* is the better pony. On Thursday *Clutha* and *Splash* went a mile as follows, 3¼, 1.5½, 1.36, 2.10 and a "tick"; some made the time 2.09, and such differences are bound to occur now and then, as taking time from the Grand Stand, the Judge's box, or opposite the mile-and-a-quarter post, means start and finish being taken at different angles. The *pow*, however, is good enough to show that Mr. Toeg in *Clutha* owns a clinking fine griffin. At this early stage of the proceedings the other gallops may be passed over.

I am glad to hear that four prominent members of the Customs are starting a stable; colours, yellow jacket with a dragon upon it, yellow cap. That's as it should be; it will be a set-off to the elaborate Kungpoo stable's colours, white with Municipal Council coat-of-arms; but I am wondering after the fiasco of last meeting whether the latter colours will appear again. From the first I must say I looked upon our Councillors racing as Councillors as very peculiar, to say the least of it. Perhaps on this occasion they are going to stand down and in the Settlement watch Works and Finance.

The Subscription Griffins Committee have now purchased the required number of ponies, in all 62, and the drawing is to take place at 8 o'clock this morning. They were selected from five auctions and the average cost worked out as follows:—

Auction,	1	Mar.,	14	ponies,	average Tls. 31
"	2	"	15	"	" 38½
"	3	"	9	"	" 25
"	4	"	15	"	" 35½
"	5	"	9	"	" 35

As is usually the case when it comes to a deal between Chinese and foreigners, "trickiness" pulls the Celestial through and the foreigner goes "under." That has been the case in the purchase of the Sub. Griffins for this Meeting. Ponies have undoubtedly ruled cheap, but they would have been cheaper and better if those who have had the purchasing of them had taken more notice of what was occurring and not allowed themselves to be "gulled" by "Fred Archer," who, dressed in his or probably someone else's best, was allowed to strut, cigar in mouth, in front of the ropes which confined the other Chinese, and bid as he was from time to time instructed by the dealers. The sooner foreigners "tumble" to the put-up jobs which are and have been foisted on them at griffin auctions the better.

A DARK TRIAL.

The "Russian stable" was well in evidence at the last Race Meeting, but a "dark trial" under their auspices yesterday at mid-day is likely to set other owners estimating their prospects at the forthcoming Meeting. A dark brown pony, ridden by Mr. R. Dallas, accompanied by a chestnut with a white blaze, in spite of the extremely heavy course, went for a-mile-and-three-quarters in 4mins. 18½ secs., the last quarter being covered in 37½ secs.—*a truly marvellous* performance, and the smiles of the prospective owners, who, we believe, have offered a "fabulous fortune" for the pony, were a sight to see. *Invader*, at the same time, covered a-mile-and-a-half in 5mins. 49secs.

THE ENGLISH DERBY.

Sporting papers received by the last mail contain many columns of news about the horses in training for the Derby (to be run in June) and from these we gather that in *Velasquez* and *Chelandry* Lord Rosebery has the probable winners of the Derby and Oaks. *Velasquez* is a decidedly better favourite for the former than *Gallo Moro*, as the market about the bearer of "the rose and primrose" has been cleared out at 3 to 1 and 11 to 4; indeed 5 to 2 is now the best offer. *Gallo Moro* is second favourite for the Derby at 3 to 1 and *Vesuvian* finds friends from *Kingsclere* at 100 to 15. A stable companion of the latter, *Orollo*, has been backed at 25 to 1, and double the odds was booked to a French colt called *Palmote*, a well-bred son of *Le Sancy* and *Perplexata*, who, however, is still a maiden. He only ran thrice last year.

RIDING BOYS.

On the 9th instant the following order was issued by the Stewards of the Shanghai Race Club:—

"In order to secure an adequate control over the China Boys now riding on the Course, many of whom are employed by the Livery Stables, the Stewards have decided on issuing licenses for each of the training seasons.

"Licensed Riding Boys only will be allowed to make use of the Course during training hours, and the licenses will be revocable in case of misconduct. Members and others will oblige the Stewards by sending their Riding Boys, in person, for the licenses on Sunday morning, the 14th instant, at 8 o'clock."

THE NAVAL SHOOTING CLUB.

We announced a few weeks ago that a club to be styled the Naval Yard Shooting Club was being formed and that it was probable Commodore Holland would be its first President. That our information was thoroughly reliable is proved by the fact that on Saturday last, as announced briefly in our Monday issue, the Club held its first "shoot" at Stonecutters Island in the presence of Commodore Holland, who has accepted the Presidentship and is encouraging the members to render themselves good marksmen. Mr. O. Ordish, C.E., Mr. G. Sayer, C.E., and A Henderson, M.A., (Vice-Presidents), were also present and took part in the competition. The first shot was fired by the Commodore. The Naval Service system of marking (bull, 4; inner, 3; outer, 2) was adopted and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. The members of the new Club who took part in "potting the bull's-eye" were Messrs. Oswald, Blake, McEwen, Watson, Marshall, Pickford, Spafford, Graham, Johns, Abbas, Gearee, and Ray. The scoring was as follows:—

	yds. 200	yds. 100	Total.
Mr. McEwen	23	23	46
Mr. Watson	23	22	45
Mr. Marshall	25	20	45
Mr. Pickford	25	20	45
Mr. Spafford	21	21	42
Mr. Ordish	24	18	42
Mr. Graham	22	19	41
Mr. Sayer	22	18	40
Mr. Johns	23	17	40
Mr. Oswald	20	19	39
Mr. Abbas	16	18	34
Mr. George	19	13	32
Commodore Holland	16	12	28
Mr. Ray	20	9	29
Mr. Blake	15	13	28
Mr. Henderson	9	2	11

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

HONGKONG NUISANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—May I ask who is responsible for the removal from the streets of the Colony of all obstructions such as filth, rubbish, semi-decayed sugar cane etc., etc.? If the Police, then why don't they see to it that hawkers, carrying coolies with long poles, trollies, and dirty loungers keep their proper places in the public thoroughfares? Starting from Wanchai market and walking westwards along Queen's Road East to Queen's Road Central, obstructions and nuisances that are positively as dangerous as they are offensive are encountered time and again. Fruit hawkers display their "delicacies" on the foot-paths and at the same time scatter orange peel and scraps of other fruit all over the place, and when some hapless pedestrian slips and falls insult is added to injury by the hawker and his filthy customers raising a loud shout of laughter at the hated "fan kwai." Added to this, as often as not the passer-by is treated to very unpleasant samples of choice Chinese billingsgate. It is bad enough to have one's life endangered by slipping on orange peel or other refuse and coming down a "cropper" on the pavement, but it is very exasperating to thereby become the laughing-stock of a gang of ill-mannered coolies who you know only too well you dare not punish because if you do they will rush off to the nearest Police Station and take out a summons against you for assault or may even invoke the aid of a friendly "bobby" to get you 'run in' there and then.

Carrying coolies, too, are often a great nuisance, for they often carry loads along the foot-paths, thereby compelling pedestrians to get out of their way, and often bump them into the gutter. Other coolies may, at times, be seen rolling casks along the pavements or carrying buckets of wet paint at the extremity of long bamboos, while others again often carry all before them when carrying along buckets of night-soil or pigs'-wash, the stench from which is often offensive enough to take away one's appetite for hours.

A short while ago I saw a coal coolie, who had been discharging a cargo of coal and was covered from head to foot in coal-dust and perspiration deliberately force his way, on the pavement, between two ladies. The result can be easily imagined. But there was no remedy for the ladies, whose dresses were fairly spoilt by contact with the offensive lumper. I intended to give the coolie a hiding, but he made off at such a pace that I couldn't catch him, and only succeeded in amusing the on-lookers and loungers at street corners.

Occasionally trucks loaded with aerated waters are to be seen on the pavement discharging their loads at the gates of military barracks, and when the coolies in charge are remonstrated with, because they cause all pedestrians to step out of their way into the muddy road or slimy gutter, they absolutely refuse to move until they have discharged the whole load.

The coolies know they have the whip-hand of the despised "fan kwai," for the ordeal of hanging about the Police Court to wait for your case to be "called on" invariably acts as a deterrent, and nine people out of ten will put up with a good deal rather than make the offenders "face the music."

The nuisances I now draw attention to through your courtesy, Sir, are becoming intolerable. Complaints are heard on all sides, and it is time something was done to mend matters speedily. If the Chief of Police would send out detectives to watch for such offenders and run them in wholesale for a few days it would no doubt have a good effect, for the news of the action of the Police would be sure to spread like wild-fire. I would suggest, too, that a proclamation might be issued giving the coolies due warning that those who commit such breaches of the law will be dealt with severely.

These remedies would cost nothing, might bring in a good few dollars to the local treasury, and result in much benefit to the ratepayers, and I therefore trust, Sir, that you will be good enough to find space for this complaint in your popular journal.

Yours faithfully,

Hongkong, 15th March, 1897. GROWLER.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer	30.059
Thermometer	62.0
Humidity	85.
Rainfall	4.08 inches.

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.18	29.93
Thermometer	66	64
Humidity	79	84
Rainfall		

Wednesday, 17th March, 1897.
(St. Patrick's Day.)

Chinese—*15th of 2nd moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü* Birthday of Lao Tzze, founder of Taoism. B.C. 604.

Jewish—*13th Veadar, 5657.* Fast of Esther.

Mohammedan—*13th Shawall, 1314.*

Sun—*Rises*	6hr. 9min.
Sets	6hr. 9min.
High water—*Morning*	8hr. 40min.
Afternoon	9hr. 1min.
Low water—*Morning*	2hr. 31min.
Afternoon	1hr. 40min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1794—Lord Macartney's Embassy left China.
1866—The *Napoleon Convaro* burnt at sea by coolies.
1886—The s.s. *Breconshire* lost on White Rocks.
1889—Fire at Foochow; over 200 houses destroyed.

TO-MORROW,
Thursday, 18th March, 1897.

Chinese.—*16th of 2nd moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.*

Jewish.—*14th Veadar, 5657.* —(*Purim.*)

Mohammedan.—*14th Shawall, 1314.*

Sun—*Rises*	6hr. 8min.
Sets	6hr. 9min.
Moon.—*In Equator*	3hr. p.m.
High water—*Morning*	8hr. 57min.
Afternoon	8hr. 52min.
Low water—*Morning*	3hr. 2min.
Afternoon	2hr. 34min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—The Canton Factories occupied by British troops.
1869—Suez Canal opened.
1891—The port of Chunking officially declared open to foreign trade.
1839—Edict of Commissioner Lin to surrender all opium in Canton.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY.—17th March.

The Transfer Books of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., close from this date to the 22nd inst., inclusive.

TO-MORROW,—18th March.

Foochow Races.

The Transfer Books of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., close from this date to the 23rd inst., inclusive.

10 a.m.—Criminal Sessions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of valuable household furniture, etc., at No. 22, Caine Road, by Mr. G. P. Lammert.

5.15.—Lecture by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., on Captain Mahan's book, "The Influence of Sea Power on History."

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Preceptory.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

English (*Thames*) 22nd inst.
American (*Doric*) 23rd inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 24th inst.
Tacoma (*Olympia*) 26th inst.
American (*China*) 2nd prox.

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THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of China*, from Vancouver, arrived at Kobe at 7 a.m. to-day, and left again at 10.30 a.m. for Nagasaki.

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THE P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Thames*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 6 a.m. to-day, and may be expected here about 8 a.m. on the 22nd inst.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Namoa	steamer,	from	Coast Ports
Haitoong	"	"	Swatow
Taiwan	"	"	Canton
Oslo	"	"	Bangkok
Archer	cruiser	"	Amoy
Machias	"	"	Bangkok

Aggregating 6,603 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Hailan	steamer,	for	Holhow
Zafiro	"	"	Amoy, etc
Krim	"	"	Amoy
Foochow	"	"	Swatow
Strathtevan	"	"	Singapore
Salacia	"	"	Shanghai
Oceanien	"	"	Europe
Empress of Japan	"	"	Vancouver

Aggregating 12,207 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Doris	in	Kowloon Dock.
Loyal	"	" "
Centurion, H.M.S	"	" "
Kachidate Maru	"	" "
Hanoi	"	" "
Namoa	"	" "
Pronto	"	" "
Belgic	"	Cosmopolitan "
Hitosan Maru	"	" "

SWATOW.

Arrivals.	*from*	*Agents.*
Mar. 16 *C. H. Kian*	Amoy	L. Y. S. & Co.
" *Thales*	"	J. M. & Co.
" *Haitoong*	Hongkong	J. M. & Co.
Departures.	*for*	*Agents.*
Mar. 16 *Wong Kol*	Bangkok	B. & S.
" *Haitoong*	Hongkong	J. M. & Co.
" *C. H. Kian*	S'pore Penang.	L. Y. S. & Co.

In Port—Thales.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—2nd Feb.—*Cyrus, Dordogne*, 5th Feb.—*Hector, Kanagawa Maru*, 12th February—*Anapa, Guadalquivir*, 16th Feb.—*Benlarig, St. Giles, St. Jerome*, 19th February—*Hertha, Aslown, Ceres*, 23rd February—*Ellen Richmers, Tosa Maru*, 26th February—*Anping, Pathan, Sophie Richmers, Tamsui*, 2nd March—*Glenshira, Gisela, Benedick, Orestes, Mertonthshire, Teucer, Caughie*, 5th March.—*Adam, Sarpedon, Tai Shun*, 9th March.—*Turbo*, 12th March.—*Mogul, Elisabeth Richmers, Taboo, Tancarville*, 16th March.—*Katsow, Bayern, Antenor, Senia, Yamaguchi Maru.*

HOMEWARD—9th Mar.—*Formosa, Morven*, 12th March—*Natal.*

DANGERS IN SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS.

The *Fiji Shimpo* notes, from a report of Lieut. Suzuki, that in the course of a survey of the Shimonoseki Straits last month, the naval officer discovered three sunken rocks and two sand-heaps at the eastern entrance, and two sunken rocks at the western entrance to the Straits.

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

WANTED an ENGLISH CLERK with some knowledge and experience of MARINE INSURANCE.

A Good Salary will be given to a thoroughly competent Man.

Apply by Letter to the Undersigned.

N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [449

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on FRIDAY, the 19th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 19th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. G. WINTERBURN,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1897. [442

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 22nd inst., both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [405

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 22nd March, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [454

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, at NOON, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [416

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M., on SATURDAY, the 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, 1897, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [417

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1896, in order that the Distribution of BONUS may be arranged.

Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March instant will be adjusted by the Office, and no CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [385

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN accordance with the Provision of No. 19 of the Articles of Association, the GENERAL MANAGERS with the approval of the Consulting Committee have THIS DAY declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of 4 PER CENT. for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1896, on the Paid-up Capital of the Company.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS Payable on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, will be issued to SHAREHOLDERS.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1897. [444

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Kanegafuchi Cotton Spinning Mill, Japan.
The Mills Cotton Spinning Mill, Limited.
Tokyo Cotton Spinning Mill, Japan.
Hayashi Clock Factory.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [45

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VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1897. [435

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1897. [462

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
MOSTLY OF
MARINBURK MANUFACTURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
TO-MORROW
(THURSDAY), the 18th March, 1897,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at No. 22, CAINE ROAD or LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE, near No. 9, POLICE STATION.
The whole of the
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
CHIEFLY OF
MARINBURK MANUFACTURE,
Comprising:—

LARGE TEAK CARVED HAT and UMERELLA STAND with EMBOSSED LEATHER PANNELS and SEATS, DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH, CANTON BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, TENNESSEE MARBLE-TOP and FANCY TABLES, BEVELLED OVERMANTELS, EBONY and PLUSH CARD TABLE, Handsome JAPANESE SCREENS, VASES, ORANAMENTS, CLOCKS, OIL-PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, FENDERS, LACE CURTAINS, CARPETS, RUGS, &c., &c.

TEAK CARVED SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER WAGGONS, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MOROCCO-COVERED DINING-ROOM SUITE, DINNER and DESSERT SERVICES, ELECTRO-PLATE and GLASS-WARE, CUTLERY, PANTRY REQUISITES, &c., &c.

ONE HANDSOME DOUBLE BRASS BEDSTEAD with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, SEVERAL FINE AMERICAN WALNUT BEDSTEADS with SPRING and HAIR MATTRESSES, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS and SETS, MARBLE BUREAUS and DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASSES, SINGLE & DOUBLE WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS-DOORS, LINEN WARDROBES, SEVERAL BED-ROOM SUITES in SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH, FANCY UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS, & SUNDRY BEDROOM FURNITURE, &c., &c.

BATH-ROOM REQUISITES.
POTS and PLANTS.
Also
ONE COTTAGE PIANO, by W. ROBINSON, New.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale.
On View from WEDNESDAY, the 17th March.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1897 [446

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
RARE OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN,
EMBROIDERIES AND CURIOS.
THE BEST LOT OF THIS SEASON.

THE Undersigned will offer for Sale by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
SATURDAY, the 20th March, 1897,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his SALES ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET,
A LARGE AND VERY VALUABLE COLLECTION
OF
OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN AND CURIOS
FROM THE
MING DYNASTY,
THE REIGNS OF
YUNG-CHING, KANGHI, KIENLUNG, KAHING, &c.
Comprising:—

Valuable and Rare Specimens of Fine BLUE and WHITE HAWTHORN JARS & VASES, BLUE and WHITE FIGURE VASES, FINE FIVE-COLOUR VASES and JARS, RED and GOLD POWDER BLUE, YELLOW GREEN and Otherwise Decorated VASES and JARS, BLACK & WHITE HAWTHORN and FINE SANG-DE-BŒUF VASES, IMPERIAL DRAGON Decorated BOWLS, CUPS, PLATES, &c.

FINE PEKING CLOISONNE VASES and ORNAMENTS (MING, KANGHI and KIENLUNG), Rare PEKING SNUFF-BOTTLES, OLD SOOCHOW LACQUER, Finely Carved RHINOCEROS HORNS, IVORIES, JADE ORNAMENTS, BRONZES, PORCELAIN SCREENS, Old Inlaid ANNAMITE TRAYS and BOXES, and a Great Variety of Other CURIOS.

ALSO
AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD LOT OF
SILK EMBROIDERIES,
—Comprising:—
HANGINGS, SQUARES, MANDARIN COATS, LADIES' COATS & PETTICOATS, Very Fine PEKING BROCADES, and other Articles,
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Catalogues will be issued previous to Sale.
On View from FRIDAY, the 19th March.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1897. [461

To be Let.

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES:—
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"HARFORD," at MAGAZINE GAP.
"THE KENNELS," in MAGAZINE GAP.
FLOORS in BLUE BUILDINGS.
GODOWNS in BLUE BUILDINGS.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1897. [11

TO LET.

"FOREST LODGE," No. 33, CAINE ROAD.
TOP FLOOR of No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
No. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [68

Intimations.

It is

WASTE OF TIME

for us to "puff" our preparations, as every maker's goods are "the best" in his own estimation.

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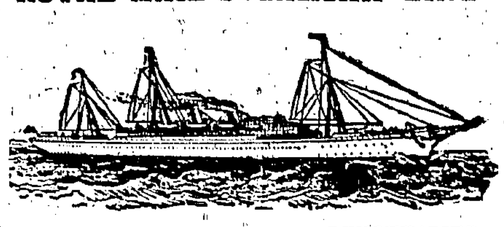
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Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) Thursday, 22nd April, at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 11th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship
"DORIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 1st April, 1897, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 13th March 1897. 2

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THE U. S. Mail Steamship
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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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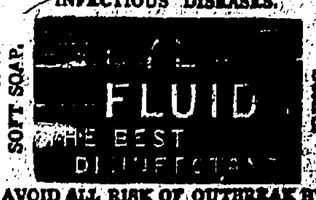
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Victoria	3,567	Tuesday ...	Mar. 23.
Olympia	2,628	Tuesday ...	April 13.
Braemar	3,601	Tuesday ...	May 11.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday ...	May 25.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday ...	June 8.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday ...	June 29.

THE Steamship
"VICTORIA,"
Captain J. Panton, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 23rd March, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), *via* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [4

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For further Particulars, apply to
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Hongkong, 11th March, 1897. [5

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Sachsen	Tuesday...	30th March.
Bayern	Tuesday...	27th April.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN," Captain H. Bepmer, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 27th March. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 29th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 29th March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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